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Los Angeles County Department of Public Health Guidance for Moviegoers

Movie theaters are now allowed to open for patrons at 25% of maximum capacity or 100 people, whichever is fewer. Follow the steps below to ensure a safe and enjoyable experience for patrons and employees.

Plan your visit:

- Tickets: purchase tickets and reserve seats in advance by telephone or on-line.
- Concessions: order and pay for food and drinks in advance by telephone or on-line.
- Special screenings: ask about seniors-only or non-peak showings.

What to expect at the theater:

- **You must wear a mask.**
 - Your mask should have at least two layers of tightly woven, breathable material. It must fully cover your nose and mouth and fit snugly against the sides of your face and around your nose.
 - The only exceptions are children under 2 or anyone who has been told by a doctor that they cannot wear a mask safely. Note that people with most underlying conditions (asthma, for example) can safely wear masks but if you cannot, go to the DPH [mask](#) page to learn about alternative face coverings.
 - You may remove your mask only when you are eating or drinking at your reserved seat or a designated dining area within the theater.
- **You will be asked to comply with social distancing**
 - If you have to line up before entry, make sure your party stays six feet from others in line and from staff.
 - If you have small children with you keep them close by, maintaining their six-foot distance from others.
- **You should remember good hand hygiene.**
 - Wash and/or disinfect your hands before arriving at the theater, after using the restroom and again when you leave.
 - Purchase tickets on-line or over the phone in advance. If this is not possible, check so you can be ready if the theater only takes credit cards (no cash) to ensure contactless payment.

Seating within the viewing theater:

- **You will be permitted to sit with up to 6 people from up to 3 households.**
 - Arrive together. You will be ushered to your seats.
 - Your group will be placed at least 6 feet from any other group on all sides. Do not move to different seats or move around the theater to visit other groups. Make sure children in your group stay in their seats.
 - Keep your mask on. You may remove your mask only when you eat or drink.
 - If you leave your seat to visit a restroom during the movie, wear your mask and try to keep your distance from others as you move through the space.

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So many of us have missed the pleasure of going to the movies for the past year. Now it is up to all of us to make it work.

- If a staff person reminds you about social distancing or wearing a mask, remember that they are protecting you and your party, others in the theater, themselves, and the public. They are doing their job.
- Don't ask staff to make exceptions to the rules for you, like asking to sit with larger group. These are rules the theater must comply with by law.
- Adhere to rules noted above; they are simple, and they are based on science. They reflect research from all over the world about what it takes to stay safe.

**Have fun and stay safe.
Enjoy the show!**

